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having reference to the present economic depression, to appoint a committee of officials and non-officials to study the position and to make recommendations to the Government as to whether Government should take any measures in connexion with it and if so what measures. It is possible they may consider various proposals, amongst them being perhaps the question of a temporary reduction of assessment, either generally for the whole province or for particular districts or particular classes of lands or for particular crops; they may also consider facilities to be offered by the co-operative marketing of goods or by making advances to ryots, either direct or through co-operative banks. Whatever may be decided, it seems to me that we should not give to these three districts an advantage of about 20 per cent over the remaining districts of the Presidency, especially those districts where the resettlement has been recently introduced, such as Bellary, Anantapur, Tanjore and South Arcot. The proper course will be for these new rates to be notified; but whether they should be actually enforced next year or not will be a matter for consideration by the new committee which will surely consider all questions connected with the present economic depression."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I take it that the House is ready for a vote.

"I will first put the amendment to the vote of the House. The question is: 5 p.m.

'That for all the words after the word "Government" in line 1 *substitute* the words "that, with reference to the recommendations of the Economic Enquiry Committee, the proposed resettlement in Kistna and East and West Godavari districts, be not given effect to.'"

The amendment was carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I will now put the original motion, as amended, to the vote of the House. The question is:

'That this Council recommends to the Government that, with reference to the recommendations of the Economic Enquiry Committee, the proposed resettlement in Kistna, and East and West Godavari districts, be not given effect to.'"

The motion was carried.

V.—ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY COMPANY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce to the House that, as the result of election held on the 29th January 1931, Rao Sahib C. Jayaram Nayudu and Mr. A. Harischandrudu have been declared duly elected as members of the Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.